

Taliban Pushed Back from Baghlan-E-Markazi

The ministry of defense said a major operation was launched on Sunday, mostly by commandos and special forces units, to push back insurgents in Baghlan-e-Markazi.

KABUL - Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the Afghan National Security and Defense Forces (ANDSF) on Sunday launched an operation against the Taliban in Baghlan-e-Markazi district of Baghlan province and have seized control of the Taliban's deployment and administration center. According to the MoD, Qaisar Khil, Kok Chinar, Naw Abaad and Deh Araban villages have been cleared of Taliban in the district. TOLONews journalist, Sharif Amiri, reporting from Baghlan-e-Markazi district said most of the civilians have left their homes in the region. The operation has been conducted by commandos and police special forces. Taliban are still in parts of the district fighting with the security forces and the operation is ongoing to clear the entire area, officials reported. (Tolonews)



Young ISIS Fighter Arrested by Afghan Intelligence in Nangarhar

KABUL - A young boy who was recruited by the militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has been arrested by the Afghan intelligence operatives. According to the local government officials in Nangarhar, the young boys who is sixteen year old was arrested during an operation in Chaparhar district. The officials further added that the young boy has confessed that he was conducting insurgency activities after joining the terror group six months ago. In the meantime, the officials said at least two other ISIS militants were also arrested during separate operations in this province. A suspected ISIS affiliate who was trying to transport seven communication devices was arrested from Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of Nangarhar. The detained ISIS affiliated was attempting to smuggle the communication sets to Haska Mina district, the officials added. In another ...*(More on P4)...(14)*

Kandahar's only Female Shopkeeper, a 70-Year-Old Grandmother

KANDAHAR - This Kandahar grandmother has run her shop for almost 50 years - through both Soviet and Taliban times - and refuses to give up. A 70-year-old Kandahar woman is the city's only female shopkeeper and has been running her store for decades. The woman, Bibi Gul, said she has refused to bow to challenges and hardships thrown at her over the years and has instead kept her business running. According to her, she was ...*(More on P4)...(15)*

12 Taliban Insurgents Killed in Jawzjan Clashes



KABUL - The clashes started on Saturday in Aqcha district after the Taliban launched an attack on security forces, officials confirmed. At least 12 Taliban insurgents were killed in clashes with security forces in northern Jawzjan province, local officials confirmed on Sunday. In addition, eight other insurgents were wounded. The clashes started on Saturday in Aqcha district of the province after Taliban insurgents launched an attack and security forces "responded killing 12 insurgents," a spokesman for the provincial governor, Mohammad Reza Ghafoori said. "One security force member was also killed and two others were ...*(More on P4)...(16)*

Pakistan's MQM Convener Expresses Sympathy over Recent Terror Attacks

WASHINGTON - A senior leader of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) called on the Afghan Ambassador to the US Hamdullah Mohib and expressed his sympathy over the killing of civilians in recent terrorist attacks. Convener of MQM Nusrat met Mohib on Saturday at Afghan embassy here, during which he offered sympathy on behalf of MQM, his founder and leader Altaf Hussain and people of Pakistan over the killing of Afghan civilians during recent acts of terrorism. "He also handed over the Afghan Ambassador a personal letter of condolence from MQM leader Mr Altaf Hussain for Afghan President Mr Ashraf Ghani expressing deep sorrow and grief over the killing of Afghan civilians," the MQM said in a statement. During the meeting Nusrat said people of Afghanistan have been suffering for decades and deserve peace and stability in the country more than ever. He added that MQM and people of Pakistan fully support every effort to restore lasting peace in the war-torn country. Expressing his gratitude over this gesture of support, Mohib said people of Pakistan had welcomed their Afghan brothers on their soil at one ...*(More on P4)...(17)*

Policemen among 22 Killed in Ghazni Clash

GHAZNI CITY - Twenty Taliban and two policemen have been killed during a clash in the Qarabagh district of southern Ghazni province, an official said on Sunday. Acting Police Chief Col. Mustafa Mayar told Pajhwok Afghan News the clash erupted Saturday night when the Taliban attacked police checkpoints in the Ayino locality. He said clashes continued till morning but reinforcement reached the site of clash and forces launched clearing operation.



Taliban confirmed the overnight clash, the group spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said three security forces and one of their fighters were killed, five security personnel and two Taliban wounded. (Pajhwok)

Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team Wins in Bali



KABUL - The 16-member team beat numerous countries in this week's tournament in Indonesia to come out tops. The Afghan women's basketball team won the 4th Bali Cup International Tournament held in Indone-

sia this past week. The team won the tournament after beating Thailand 65-25 in the final match of the tournament. Afghanistan defeated Thailand twice in the competition. Earlier, Afghanistan defeated India and Indonesia. Sixteen girls from Afghanistan participated in the competition. The competition was held on Indonesia's Bali Island and 14 teams from around Asia participated. The national wheelchair basketball team this year completed a two week technical and training program in Thailand and more recently participated in extensive training sessions in Kabul. (Tolonews)

Roadside Bomb Blast Kills Tribal Elder in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A tribal elder was killed and two others wounded as a result of roadside bomb blast in the Khogyani district of eastern Nangarhar province on Sunday morning, officials said. Attullah Khogyani, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the blast targeted the tribal leader's vehicle in Barar Ghach area of the district at 7:30am. He said Sherin Agha was killed and his two colleagues Taj Mohammad and Lal Mohammad were wounded in the incident. The blast happened while the tribal ...*(More on P4)...(18)*

Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



You want to seize the day because the courting process can be like going to war. You Rams love the chase and strive to win affection, especially now that your key planet Mars is strategizing with the Sun in your 5th House of Romance. But the magic of love won't unfold amidst noise, so practice being quiet to better hear your feelings.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



It's imperative to own up to any fears you harbor about getting what you really want in a relationship. Unfortunately, your worries can become deterrents to the very happiness you seek. Your key planet Venus swims into sentimental Cancer today, softening your feelings and heightening your receptivity to love.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



If you are suffering from social overload, your schedule should begin to settle down now. Enriching Venus enters your 2nd House of Personal Possessions, prompting you to set new priorities and focus your intentions on what you expect to receive in a relationship. However, don't be overly concerned if your emotional needs aren't being fulfilled yet. Concentrate on your long-term goals instead of seeking immediate gratification.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



The cosmos is providing you with a heightened sense of belonging now, adding another layer of depth to a current relationship or introducing a new love interest into your life. A romance that slowly simmers while vulnerable Taurus is camped out in your sign emphasizes tender caring rather than a sudden head-over-heels infatuation.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



Your beautiful dreams and subconscious fears might unintentionally be expressed in your relationships now. You are being encouraged to examine your own personal myths and mysteries about love and romance while romantic Venus is wandering through your 12th House of Spiritual Destiny.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



It doesn't matter whether you're more distracted by your nocturnal fantasies or your daydreams at work. The content isn't that important as long as you dream. Venus in sensitive Cancer moves through your 11th House of Hopes and Wishes, highlighting your long-term relationship goals and putting you in touch with your future. Don't judge yourself; it's absolutely fine if you currently lack the intimacy you seek.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



You are attempting to create a harmonious atmosphere, but balancing everything is tricky today, because you're also concerned with protecting your own feelings. Your planetary ruler Venus needs to find an emotionally safe haven while she visits vulnerable Cancer. However, situations might intensify if you are drawn into a drama of your own making.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Although you have a clear vision of what you want, you might be quieter than usual when it comes to sharing your heart. You are in your element now that the Moon is floating in your sign and sensual Venus is splashing around in watery Cancer. The next few weeks may offer a tender romantic experience that mellows your intensity without requiring you to suppress your desires.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



You often prefer to jump into a situation without necessarily becoming overly attached. However, this separation from your feelings isn't possible now, so you need to take a risk and allow yourself to become emotionally vulnerable. You may have trouble relating to the caretaking aspect of Venus in Cancer, making your relationships difficult to manage for the next few weeks.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You typically find security by establishing lasting structures in all aspects of your life. Of course, you take love quite seriously and strive for it to be real. However, your well-defined boundaries blur while desirable Venus dances through your 7th House of Relationships. Your anxiety may rise if you try to stop nature from following her own course.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

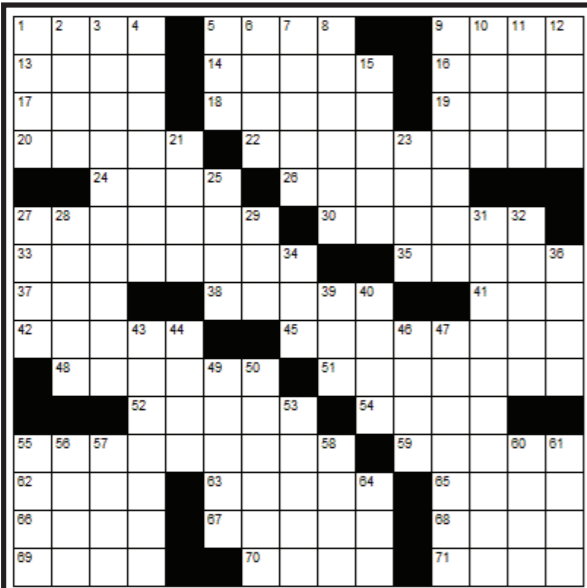


You are typically attracted to relationships that offer you a high degree of autonomy. But sweet Venus begins her journey through nurturing Cancer today, tempting you to cling to the object of your love -- and this needy behavior may make you irritable. Explore your vulnerability and the emotional intimacy that it makes possible.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



There's no reason to shout your romantic desires from the top of a mountain. In fact, you might be so private about your emotional needs now that you don't reveal them to anyone. Fortunately, you're comforted by the presence of caring Venus in your 5th House of Fun and Games. Be open to receiving some sweet relief to a lingering relationship dynamic that was recently a source of stress.



Across
1. Plenty, 5. Out of control, 9. Ship part, 13. Cain's brother, 14. Inhabits, 16. Nil, 17. Arid, 18. Unreactive, 19. Goddess of discord, 20. Songs of praise, 22. Naive people, 24. Doing nothing, 26. A pinnacle of ice, 27. Bloodline, 30. Bequest, 33. Scaremonger, 35. Ancient Hebrew vestment, 37. Anagram of "Bid", 38. Overflow, 41. Stir, 42. Beauty parlor, 45. Cassocks, 48. Wreck, 51. Squirm, 52. Cat-like mammal, 54. Type of sword, 55. Most interesting part, 59. Smacks, 62. Dwarf buffalo, 63. Dog-___, 65. River of Spain, 66. Sun, 67. Filched, 68. Kill, 69. Grasp, 70. Evasive, 71. Bristle,
Down
1. Whip, 2. Comply with, 3. Temporary, 4. Lithesome, 5. Anagram of "Ail", 6. Short skirt, 7. Roasters, 8. Essence, 9. Patella, 10. Acquire deservedly, 11. Modify, 12. Young girl, 15. Shop, 21. Close violently, 23. An enclosure, 25. Auspices, 27. Boys, 28. Homeric epic, 29. Clairvoyant's gift, 31. Mutable, 32. Alpine call, 34. It is (poetic), 36. An amount of medicine, 39. Not high, 40. Attraction, 43. Plantation, 44. Found on a finger, 46. Rewards for waiting, 47. Eternal, 49. Wall climbers, 50. Emissary, 53. Spasm, 55. Chop finely, 56. Within, 57. Objective, 58. Express in words, 60. Buttocks, 61. Kind of bean, 64. Former North African ruler,

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